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**May 8 & 9, 2014
BOARD WORKSHOP**

Deputy Director, George Twiss, PLS called the Workshop for the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors to order at 8:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the Campbell's Hotel in Chelan, WA.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stephen Shrope, PE, SE, Chair
Scott Valentine, PLS, Vice Chair
Mel Garland, PLS
Neil Norman, PE
Dan Parker, PE
Nirmala Gnanapragasam, PhD, PE
Chun Lau, PE, SE

STAFF PRESENT:

George Twiss, PLS, Executive Director
Michael Villnave, Deputy Executive Director
Cassandra Fewell, Executive Assistant
Jill Short, Investigations Manager
John Pettainen, Investigator
Randy Garcia, Investigator
Terry Graving, Licensing Manager
Shanan Gillespie, Management Analyst

FACILITATOR:

Nancy Skewis, Senior Policy Advisor

GUEST SPEAKER:

Ed Huston, PE, SE (Item 3, Friday, May 9th)

VISITORS:

Department of Licensing (DOL):
Tony Sermonti, Policy and Leg. Director
Business and Professions Division of DOL:
Kathleen Drew, Assistant Director
Lorin Doyle, Administrator, DFC programs
Rick Storvick, Asst. Administrator, DFC
Association Representatives:
Larry Costich, PE (AELC/ASCE)
Ken McGowan, PE (AELC/WSPE)
Aaron Blaisdell, PLS (LSAW)
Licensees and observers:
Sharon Zimmerman, PE.

MAY 8

1. OPEN MEETING/GREETING

Mr. Twiss opened the meeting with introductions of board members, staff, and visitors.

2. GOALS FOR TODAY'S MEETING

The goal of this workshop serves as a brainstorming session to help develop understanding of the legislative process and whether to pursue legislative changes to chapter 18.43 RCW.

3. BACKGROUND SUMMARY

Mr. Sermonti and Ms. Drew gave an overview of the legislative process and shared experiences working with other programs within the agency on legislative initiatives.

4. CURRENT SITUATION and GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Mr. Twiss discussed some content of the current law that is outdated. He further explained the challenges with interpretations for industry practice and scope with a law written over 65 years ago. Guiding principles of the current law and any changes considered include protection of health, safety, and welfare of the public as well as protection of established standards for qualifying individuals for licensure in engineering and land surveying.

5. TOPICS THAT NEED ATTENTION

An open discussion was held to brainstorm possible items within the law that are most in need of updating or repealing, and new items to be added.

6. HOW BEST TO PROCEED?

Using comments from those with legislative experience, the group helped identify how best to proceed and whether to pursue a broad or selective rewrite.

7. STAKEHOLDERS and KEY PARTICIPANTS

Stakeholders and key participants to include in a legislative effort were identified and include licensees, private industry, professional societies, and municipalities.

8. MESSAGE DEVELOPMENT/COMMUNICATION PLAN

It was agreed that any legislative effort on a bill to amend chapter 18.43 RCW must have a clearly defined objective and an estimated timeline when first developing any multifaceted outreach approach.

9. WHAT HAVE WE MISSED?

A review of the discussions was followed by an invitation to those attending to offer any comments or suggestions for subjects that may have been overlooked. No motions were developed at this workshop.

RECESS until Friday, May 9th, 8:30am.

MAY 9

1. MEETING REVIEW AND SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

Meeting facilitator Nancy Skewis summarized discussions from the previous meeting day.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION STEPS and ASSIGNMENTS

Action items from this workshop:

- Research statistics regarding board discipline and identify common problems.
- Analyze process for discipline against companies:
 - Why is certificate of authority valuable in other states?
 - What do other states discipline for, aside from unlicensed activity?
 - What do other states have in their law?
- Collect and centralize model laws, news articles, opinions, and statistics for reference.
- Review law, identify areas for deletion, changes
- Determine correct divisions / contacts in the participant stakeholders identified.
- Finalize list of associations to contact
- Timeline and communication plan
- Research legislature engineers

3. SHARING OF STRUCTURAL SERVICES – ED HUSTON, PE, SE

At the invitation of the Board, Mr. Ed Huston, PE, SE, presented an abbreviated program he developed to discuss the processes of enabling states to share engineering resources at a time of regional or national emergency.

ADJOURNMENT

The workshop concluded at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



George A. Twiss, PLS, Executive Director

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